



Executive Department  
State of Idaho

The Office of the Governor  
**Proclamation**

State Capitol  
Boise

*WHEREAS, on April 19, 1775, the Massachusetts towns of Lexington and Concord were marched upon by British regulars in an effort to confiscate the munitions stored there for the local militia; and*

*WHEREAS, near the hour of 5 a.m., British troops numbering between six hundred and eight hundred men encountered seventy-five patriots under the command of Captain Parker at Lexington Green, where Captain Parker ordered, "Stand your ground! Don't fire unless fired upon; but if they mean to have a war, let it begin here;" and*

*WHEREAS, the result was the "shot heard 'round the world" and by the day's end, the British troops had retreated from the field; and*

*WHEREAS, the events of this day were the spark that ignited the passions of the colonial patriots resulting in the American Revolutionary War and the founding of a great nation; and*

*WHEREAS, the states of Arkansas, Florida, Massachusetts, Missouri, Tennessee and Wisconsin celebrate April 19<sup>th</sup> as Patriot's Day each year, and in Maine and New Jersey, Patriot's Day is the third Monday in April; and*

*WHEREAS, Patriots Day is an opportunity to focus on the historic nature of our revolution and the sacrifices endured over the course of a great eight-year struggle leading to our independence celebrated on the Fourth of July.*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER, Governor of the State of Idaho, do hereby proclaim April 19, 2007 to be*

**PATRIOTS DAY**

*in Idaho.*



*IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Idaho at Boise, Idaho, on this 19<sup>th</sup> day of April in the year of our Lord two-thousand and seven and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred thirty-first and of the Statehood of Idaho the one hundred seventeenth.*

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "C.L. Butch Otter", is written over a horizontal line. The signature is stylized and cursive.

C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER  
GOVERNOR

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Ben Ysursa", is written over a horizontal line. The signature is stylized and cursive.

BEN YSURSA  
SECRETARY OF STATE